

## BIG SANDY BOY

## Visits Panama and Writes Interestingly of the Trip.

The following letter written by Leslie Hill, a Louisa boy now in the United States Navy to his father, will be read with interest by the young man's friends:

U. S. S. Prairie,  
Charleston, S. C., May 17.—We arrived here today from Colon, after a fine trip made in the very good time of four days and 20 hours. We left here on May 1 with 693 recruits aboard, as well as Secretary Taft and his private secretary. We had quite a rough passage down and owing to the fact that Mr. Taft's state-room was on the starboard side, we had quite a list in that direction, causing the ship's head to keep surging away from meeting the seas head-on.

Our ship was not docked at Colon proper, but at the American town of Christobal, which is separated from Colon by the width of a single street. The whole place is shaded by coconut palms, and the streets of Christobal, as well as of the Panamanian town of Colon, are all paved to keep them from being rivers of mud during the rainy season, and so from being breeding places of pestilence.

There is not a drop of liquor sold in Canal Zone, and the people who want a drink must go to Panamanian territory to obtain it.

The native population of the country seems to be mostly a mixture of Indian, negro, and Spanish, and just about the most shiftless race on earth too. They have in the streets here carriages drawn by tiny native horses to take the place of street cars (they do not possess). These are to be hired very cheaply. We were given the privilege of traveling on the Panama Railroad, without charge; so about sixty of us went from Colon to Panama City in order to see the route of the Canal.

While we were in the latter place one of the boys, who had become slightly intoxicated stood looking at one of those carriages for a while, then stepped over and hired it. He proceeded then to unharness the horse despite the protests of the muchacho, took him from the shafts, picked him up and put him in the carriage. He then started to pull him down the street, undoubtedly thinking that he was more able to pull the pony than the pony was to pull him. A big burly negro policeman came along and undertook to stop the prank-playing without any palaver. He certainly "got left," for he was cleaned out beautifully for his pains by the offended blue-jackets. Well, it seemed as if spigottis cops came from everywhere, they all started for the poor fellow, but it took some twenty of the blue-jackets a very short time to vanquish what looked like it might be the whole police force of Panama. Our men were not seeking a quarrel, but when those Yankee-hating spigottis started to mistreat a man who at the worst was only playing a practical joke, they certainly did muss things up beautifully.

The scenery along the canal route is the most beautiful imaginable. A pretty little river called Chagres, meaning literally, "The River of Death," flowing among the hills covered with luxuriant tropical forests, banana, coconut, immense ferns, bamboo, rosewood, mahogany, lignum vitae, trees bearing on their limbs wonderful orchids, and palms of all sorts and descriptions—these are what the forests unfold to view. These natives have never done anything with these magnificent resources, a hand-to-mouth living being all they have the energy to strive for.

There are at present some eighteen thousand white Americans in the Canal Zone, and some eighteen or twenty thousand Jamaica negroes. The Americans are as fine a class of men as one will meet anywhere; the Jamaica negroes, on the other hand, are about as lazy as imagination can picture them, and even then the native hombre go them one better on that point. An anecdote that was told me—whether true or not I do not know—though it is vouched for by the Superintendent of the railroad, relates to a negro working on the docks. While working in one of the ships one of the lines became tangled, and he was sent to cast it off the bitt near the steamer's rail, by the foreman. He did so, but failed to return. Looking up the foreman saw him sitting on the bitt, from which he had cast the line. "What are you doing there?" "You sent me ash." "Why didn't you come down?" "You didn't tell me to, sah." Another was this: A man in charge of a piece of work on which about 50 men were employed, becoming disgusted with them, said: "We have two weeks of hard work ahead of us, and

I want any man who does not feel able to keep up the pace to step out, and I will send him to the doctor." All but one stepped out. "Well, you seem to be all right, but I would like to know why you didn't step out with the rest?" "I was too tired to move, sah," was the answer; and while they are getting along at a great rate down there, it is a wonder, for I do not see how they can accomplish anything with the human material they have.

A man cannot realize what a stupendous engineering work this is until he has seen some of it. Cutting through rock-ribbed hills, filling swamps, fighting disease—and so successfully that the death rate is lower than that of New York,—thus the work goes on with dirt and rock coming out at the rate of nearly 4,000,000 cubic yards a month. At Culebras Cut we found them making a long gash in the backbone of the isthmus nearly nine miles through rock. It was nearly three hundred feet deep and nearly four hundred feet wide at the top. I was told by the Superintendent of the railroad that the work would most certainly be completed by or before 1914. I heard high opinions expressed of Gov. Blackburn everywhere. They all say there is no graft.

## Notice of Commissioner's Sale.

James B. Clayton Admr., E. B. Fitch, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Edgar Fitch and others, Defts.

Pursuant to an order of the Lawrence Circuit Court, rendered at the April 1908 term thereof directing the sale of the hereinabove described property, the undersigned will on MONDAY, JUNE 15th, 1908, at the front door of the Court house in Louisa, Lawrence county, Kentucky, (that being County Court day), offer for sale the following described property to the highest and best bidder, to-wit:

The house located on the lot owned by H. S. Swetnam at his death, and on Madison street, Louisa, Ky., said house being about 32 feet long and about 23 feet wide at one end and 14 feet wide at the other end, containing three rooms.

TERMS: Sale will be made on a credit of six months, purchaser to give bond with approved security payable to the Court's Commissioner, lien retained on property sold until paid in full.

F. L. STEWART,  
M. C. L. C. C.

## Notice of Commissioner's Sale.

Aetna Indemnity Co., Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Jesse H. Cordie &c., Defendants.

Pursuant to a judgment of the Lawrence Circuit Court, rendered at its April term, 1908, in the above entitled action, the undersigned will on MONDAY, JUNE 15th, 1908, (that being regular County Court day) offer for sale the following described real estate, situated in Louisa, Lawrence County, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder. Sale will be made at the front door of the Court House in Louisa, Ky., between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and four P. M.

Lots number Three (3), Four (4), Five (5) in Block Twelve (12) in Central Addition to the city of Louisa, Ky., to which reference is made for more particular description. Said lots will be sold separately.

TERMS: Sale will be made on a credit of six and twelve months, with a lien retained on the property so sold until all the purchase price is paid in full, bonds payable to the Court's Commissioner.

F. L. STEWART,  
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## IMPORTANT WORK.

## Kentucky's Forest Survey Begins in June

Washington, May 25.—This season's co-operative study of Kentucky's forest resources by the State and Federal Government will be begun in two weeks. As was the case last year, the expense of the investigation will be borne jointly by the State Board of Agriculture and the United States Forest Service, each appropriating \$2,000, which, together with approximately 1,500 left over from last year, makes \$5,500 available for the work. J. S. Holmes, of the section of co-operation in the Forest Service, who had charge of the study last year, will again direct the work.

It is proposed to start a small party in the south mountain counties early in June. It is hoped that in July more men will be added to the force, who will take up the study in two other sections of the State. The method of working will be similar to that employed last year. The foresters will take the region, county by county, traveling over it on foot or on horseback. The percentage of forest and cleared land will be ascertained and as accurate an estimate as possible made of the available supply of timber in each county.

The general condition of the forests whether cut over or virgin, whether burned over or injured by insects or other enemies, and especially the result of past lumbering, will be noted, so that specific recommendations can be made to guide the owners in the care and management of their timber lands. A study of the timber industries will be made with the object of suggesting less wasteful methods if such are possible. The question of fire, protection from stock, forest planting, and the improvement of the lands, will receive special consideration.

Kentucky is exceptionally situated, with many of her large streams rising within her own borders, that she can most profitably conserve her water resources, and for this reason, as well as for the production of timber, the forests of this State need special care. It is likely that this study will lead to the inauguration of a liberal and far-sighted policy. There are signs that the need of such a policy is rapidly coming to be appreciated by the people of the State, and that Kentucky will soon be one of the leading States in the movement for the better care and protection of forests.

## Notice of Commissioner's Sale.

Roscoe Ratcliffe and others Plfs.  
vs.  
Samuel Maynard and others, Dfts.

Pursuant to a judgment of the Lawrence Circuit Court rendered at its April Term, 1908, in the above entitled action, the undersigned will, on MONDAY, JUNE 15th, 1908, (that being regular County Court day), offer for sale at the front door of the Court House in Louisa, Lawrence County, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder the following described property to-wit:

The house and lot and storehouse, known as the residence of Elijah Maynard, deceased, situated in Lawrence County, Kentucky, at mouth of Rock Castle Creek, described as follows:

Beginning at the forks of the county road, thence along east side north 34, west 50 feet to a stake; south 89, east 200 feet to a stake; south 3, east 50 feet to a set stone on north side county road; north 89, west 200 feet to the beginning, containing two and 29-100 acres.

TERMS: Sale will be made on a credit of six and twelve months, the purchaser to execute bonds to the Commissioner, with lien retained on the property so sold until the price is paid in full.

F. L. STEWART,  
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John H. Herald, Plaintiff,

vs.

Ellen Young and others Defts.

Pursuant to a judgment of the Lawrence Circuit Court, rendered at its April Term, 1908, in the above entitled action, the undersigned will, on MONDAY, JUNE 15th, 1908, at the front door of the Court House in Louisa, Lawrence County, Kentucky, (that being the first day of the regular June term of the Lawrence County Court) offer for sale the following described tract of land, or a sufficient amount thereof to satisfy said judgment for the sum of eighty-five and 50-100 dollars (\$85.50) interest from May 2, 1908 and costs of the said action.

Said land is described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a branch at the end of a field, thence running up the branch to near an old saw mill seat to a point, to the High Knob near Roland Kazees' land, thence around the top of the ridge to an old field, and thence a straight line to the beginning.

TERMS: Said sale will be made on a credit of six months, the purchaser to give bond with good and sufficient security for the payment of the purchase price, lien retained on the land so sold until the price in full is paid.

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